STATE OF CONNECTICUT

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

JOHN G. ROWLAND

GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 35

WHEREAS, Ronald Wilson Reagan served as the 40th President of the United States of America from 1981 through 1989;

WHEREAS, President Reagan was a visionary, principled leader with an unwavering belief in the values of our country and the character of the American people;

WHEREAS, President Reagan was not only the 'Great Communicator', he was a great comforter and a great leader;

WHEREAS, the citizens of Connecticut, as well as all Americans, will forever be indebted to this remarkable public servant;

WHEREAS, President Reagan passed away on June 5, 2004, at the age of 93;

WHEREAS, all Americans take comfort in the knowledge that President Reagan has departed for a better place, his Shining City on the Hill; and

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2004, President George W. Bush ordered all executive departments, independent establishments, and other governmental agencies closed on June 11, 2004,

NOW THEREFORE, I, John G. Rowland, Governor of the State of Connecticut by the authority vested in me by section 1-4 of the Connecticut General Statutes and the Constitution of the State of Connecticut do hereby declare all state offices closed on June 11, 2004 and the day considered to be a state holiday and a day of remembrance to honor the importance of the death of President Reagan and his tremendous contributions to this nation.

Given under my hand and Seal of the State at the City of Hartford, this 7th day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and four, and of the independence of the United States two hundred and twenty seven.

JOHN G. ROWLAND, Governor

By His Excellency's Command

SUSAN BYSIEWICZ, Secretary of the State